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**YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Administration Building – 640 S. Broad St.**

**Meeting Minutes ♦ April 24, 2014**

**Attendance:** Nina Melker (Chairperson), Virgen Velez (One Stop), Kendra Lee (One Stop),  
Nicol Nicola (Mid-Jersey)  
**Staff:** Maribel Duarte, Beverly Mills

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The meeting was opened by Nina Melker.

**Approval of February, 26, 2014 Minutes:**

- Kendra Lee made a motion to approve minutes; motion was seconded by Nina.

**Youth Vendor Statistics for PY 13 & 14:**

Vendor	Level of Service
MCSSD	10
Boys & Girls Club*	11 (1 pending)
MCCC	30 (3 pending)
<b>Youth Career Connection (YCC)</b>	
Group #1	3
Group #2	9 (3 in training and ready); remaining students in Learning Link
Group #3	Orientation scheduled for April 28 <sup>th</sup> (orientation once a month)

\*Did not meet LOS

- Kendra mentioned the Boys and Girls Club struggle with recruitment and pull from Trenton High; MCCC is populated by students from all over the county and MCSSD from their own population
- Nicole asked if the RFP can be sent to non-profits next year; Virgen asked her to forward the Mid-Jersey list to One Stop
- The Youth Career Connection (YCC) is also a CWEP (Community Work Experience Program) for internships
- First phase of YCC is One Stop Counseling; 2<sup>nd</sup> phase training and 3<sup>rd</sup> phase internships

- Three students ready for internships; one for accounting and two in health technology
- Internships are for a 4-6 month training period that is subsidized by the One Stop. Goal is for employers to hire at the end or provide a strong recommendation
- Nina volunteered to reach out to accounting contacts; Beverly already approached Bruce Colligan from Robert Wood Johnson
- Committee agreed publicity should be done – important to mention previous success stories
- Nina will make a presentation at the full WIB meeting on April 28, 2014--- public/private partnerships can be a mechanism to engage employees to donate to subsidize future students
- Nicole mentioned having an article written for Mid-Jersey Magazine also the Trenton Stakeholder Group

### **Youth Symposium:**

- Date is 10/7/14 at Conference Center; keynote speaker, Maurice Coleman has agreed
- This conference will be day long versus half day; freshman and sophomore is target
- The NGO should be out by May 1, 2014
- It was suggested that Mary Burks ask for approval and get on Trenton Public School agenda now

**NEXT MEETING:** TBD ♦ McDade Admin. Bldg. – Rm. 430